

Attorney Docket No. SOM920000009US1REMARKS

The present application was filed on December 4, 2000 with claims 1-20. Claims 1-20 are pending, and claims 1, 11 and 14 are the pending independent claims.

In the outstanding final Office Action dated January 27, 2005, the Examiner: (i) objected to the drawings; (ii) provisionally rejected claims 1-20 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-6, 10-13, 18-21 and 27 of copending Application No. 09/727,524; (iii) rejected claims 1, 2, 6, 9-12, 14 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,473,778 to Gibbon (hereinafter "Gibbon"); (iv) rejected claims 7, 8, 13, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbon; and (v) rejected claims 3-5 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbon in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,030 to Hui (hereinafter "Hui").

In response to the Office Action claims 1-9 and 11-20 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found on pages 4, 9 and 10 of the specification. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Regarding the objection to the drawings, a more readable version of FIG. 6 has been submitted, as requested by the Examiner.

Regarding the provisional rejection of claims 1-20 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting, Applicants assert that claims 1-6, 10-13, 18-21 and 27 of copending Application No. 09/727,524, fail to recite the elements of amended claims 1-20 of the present invention. More specifically, the claims of the copending application fail to recite at least: the storing of the multimedia description file and the multimedia repository file as a single multimedia description/multimedia repository file on a storage device; the accessing of the multimedia description/multimedia repository file by at least one authoring session manager for access to the multimedia assets, creation of a modified multimedia description file in a template, and creation of a modified multimedia repository file upon combination of the multimedia assets and the modified multimedia description file; and for each authoring session manager, the storing of a modified multimedia description/multimedia repository file on a storage device associated with the authoring

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session manager, wherein the modified multimedia repository file is configured for execution on a multimedia player, as recited in independent claims 1, 11 and 14.

Regarding the rejection of claims 1, 2, 6, 9-12, 14 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Gibbon, Applicants assert that Gibbon fails to disclose the limitations of the independent claims 1, 11 and 14 as amended. For example, Gibbon fails to disclose at least the storing of the multimedia description file and the multimedia repository file as a single multimedia description/multimedia repository file on a storage device; the accessing of the multimedia description/multimedia repository file by at least one authoring session manager for access to the multimedia assets, creation of a modified multimedia description file in a template, and creation of a modified multimedia repository file upon combination of the multimedia assets and the modified multimedia description file; and for each authoring session manager, the storing of a modified multimedia description/multimedia repository file on a storage device associated with the authoring session manager, wherein the modified multimedia repository file is configured for execution on a multimedia player.

Dependent claims 2, 6, 9, 10, 12 and 18 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from independent claims 1, 11 and 14, and also recite patentable subject matter in their own right. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §102(e) rejection of claims 1, 2, 6, 9-12, 14 and 18 is respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of claims 7, 8, 13, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbon, Applicants assert that dependent claims 7, 8, 13, 19 and 20 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from independent claims 1, 11 and 14. Further, one or more of dependent claims 7, 8, 13, 19 and 20 recite patentable subject matter in their own right. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of claims 7, 8, 13, 19 and 20 is respectfully requested.

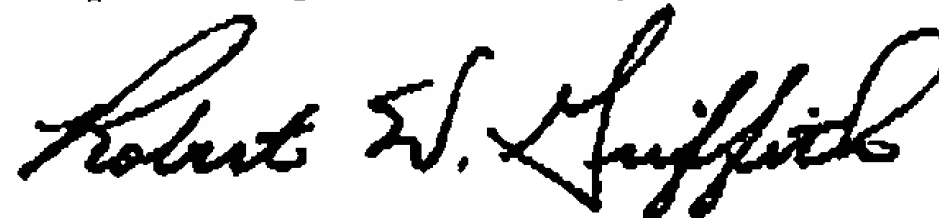
Regarding the rejection of claims 3-5 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbon in view of Hui, Applicants assert that dependent claims 3-5 and 15-17 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from independent claims 1 and 14. Further, one or

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more of dependent claims 3-5 and 15-17 recite patentable subject matter in their own right. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of claims 3-5 and 15-17 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request withdrawal of the §102(e) and §103(a) rejections.

Respectfully submitted,



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